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CONTROLLING A HEATING UNIT

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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 20, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Requested Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Applicant respectfully requests the application to be amended as follows:

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